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LARGE CROWD IN LOUISA JULY 4th.

Visitors Better Entertained Than Ever Before, and All Well Pleased.

The celebration of the glorious 4th of July in Louisa was a complete success from the rising of the sun to the going down thereof, unmarred by serious mishaps of any sort. A long, varied and attractive programme had been prepared, and every feature of it was given to a crowd variously estimated at from three to five thousand. About 1800 crossed the bridge, and fully 2000 came from other sections. Add these to the population of Louisa and you have a big crowd for a place the size of this. It was a well appearing, well behaved crowd, noisy and lively, but entirely sober. The day, barring the dust, was as perfect as a Fourth of July could be.

After the bicycle feat by a member of the street fair which had been held here all the week, Mr. Z. T. Vinson, formerly of this city but now one of the foremost members of the West Virginia bar, made an Independence Day speech. He was most appropriately introduced by the Rev. B. M. Keith, pastor of the M. E. Church South. Mr. Keith, before formally presenting the speaker, addressed the flag and the nation it represents, and commending our citizenship as being of far more value than the country's wealth of mineral and the products of the fields and factories.

Mr. Vinson began his splendid address by deploring his inability to successfully compete with the average brass band in making himself heard, but the NEWS will take occasion to say that as Mr. Vinson warmed to his subject and gauged the distance to the borders of his big audience he had no difficulty in making his full, musical tones heard by all who wanted to hear. He spoke pleasantly of the delight it afforded him to visit the home and scenes of his childhood and boyhood, reciting the opening stanzas of "The Old Oaken Bucket," which, he said, he had learned from the first principal of the old Masonic Academy. Mr. Vinson then spoke for about three-quarters of an hour upon the vital topics of the day, making very telling points as he passed along. His really splendid effort was well received and heartily applauded.

After dinner some of the Sunday Schools of Louisa presented some beautiful drills and other exercises, and Miss Kate Freese sang, beautifully, as usual. These were followed by boxing, dancing and fiddling contests, and the awarding of prizes to tall men, fat women, pretty women, pretty girls, pretty babies, largest couple, largest family present and to best lady rider.

During the riding contest the first mishap of the day occurred, when a lad was knocked down by a horse. This is noted elsewhere.

The formal exercises of the day were closed by "Dare Devil" Thompson, who rode a bicycle down a narrow runway, elevated to a height of 40 feet at the starting point and ending on the ground about a hundred feet away. A short distance from the bottom of the runway was a gap of probably 15 feet, over which the momentum of the bicycle carried it and the rider safely to the other part and thence to the ground. Thompson did the stunt safely in the morning, but when he attempted it in the afternoon his wheel carried him safely over the gap but struck a rope beyond the end of the boards and the rider was hurled to the ground with great force, the bicycle striking him in the head, cutting a place about three inches long. It was first thought that he had been seriously injured, but he was carried to the hospital, where it was found that he had not been badly injured.

All the arrangements which had been made for the entertainment and comfort of the crowd were fully carried out, and the committee deserves much credit for their successful work. It was the best celebration of the 4th of July we ever had.

The exercises on part of the Sunday School consisted of a beautiful flag drill by 24 pupils of the M. E. Church South school, a pantomime by pupils from the Baptist school, and a song by a little girl from the Christian school. These various features were generously applauded.

The prizes for boxing were awarded to Junior Allison and Charles Justice, Will Williams and Henry Matney.

The fiddler's prizes were awarded to Jack Marcum and Lindsey Thompson, and those for dancing were carried off by Jack Marcum and William Young, and a little son of John Allison.

Prettiest girl, Sadie Turman, Buchanan.

Prettiest young lady, Ora Isaacs, Louisa, R. D.

Largest woman, Quinn Shannon McClure, Louisa.

Prettiest baby, Ethel Wells, Louisa, (daughter of N. W.).

Prettiest child, Roberta Curnutte, Louisa.

Largest couple, Judge and Mrs. Tom Thompson, Louisa.

Largest family, John Doss, of Wayne county, wife and 13 children.

Best lady rider, Martella Shannon.

Good music was furnished throughout the day by the Louisa brass band.

We have a full financial report from the committee, but it came in too late for publication this week. We will print it in the next issue.

KENTUCKY'S COAL OUTPUT NEARLY 20,000,000 TONS.

Lexington, Ky., June 25.—While all of the details of the report of C. J. Norwood, Chief Inspector of Mines, of coal mine operations in Kentucky for 1913 are not quite furnished, the completed figures show a gain of more than 3,000,000 tons in the coal output of 1913 over that of 1912 in this State. The total output for 1913 amounted to 19,421,288 tons. This refers only to what are known as "commercial" mines, the aggregate being made up from monthly reports received by the Chief Inspector from coal companies throughout the year.

Up to 1911 the annual production of the western field exceeded that of the eastern one, but in that year the output of the eastern field passed that of the western and the annual excess has grown rapidly. In 1911 the excess for the eastern field was 5,729 tons; in 1912 it was 732,096 tons, and in 1913 it was 2,548,978 tons. The prospect is that within another five years the output of the eastern field alone will exceed the total production for the entire State for 1913.

There are now approximately 32,000 persons employed at and in the coal mines. The number so employed during 1913 was 29,335.

A summary of the details of production, number of employees, selling values according to districts, days worked, accidents, etc., for 1913 will be ready for distribution in a few days.

The commercial output has almost doubled within the last five years, the gain for 1913 over the output for 1910 being 9,125,143 tons.

The production according to counties in the Northeastern District was as follows:

Boyd	110,265
Breathitt	12,738
Carter	110,055
Floyd	418,435
Johnson	841,356
Lawrence	65,286
Letcher	1,104,194
Lee	22,759
Morgan	72,030
Perry	25,422
Pike	2,140,757
Total	4,928,507

HYMENEAL HAZARDS.

On July 3rd Miss Paulina Chandler, 21, was married to Nelson Berry, 31, of Blaine, Ky.

On July 4th Miss Lydia Moore, 22, was united in wedlock to John Hayes, 18, of Mattie, Ky.

On July 7th Mrs. Ellen Gee, 42, was married to Eliza Neece, 49.

All these couples were made man and wife by the Rev. M. A. Hay.

On July 8th Miss Olga Savage, 19, of Fallsburg, and Mr. Joseph Smith were married by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO EASTERN KENTUCKY.

Agricultural Department to Give Instructions to Farmers.

A special train is to be sent out from the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station at Lexington on July 15 which will traverse a number of counties in the eastern section of the State. The train will be especially equipped to give instructions regarding the raising of fruits and vegetables and the production of poultry. Exhibit material also will be supplied by the Bureau of Forestry at Washington and some of the bureau's lecturers will accompany the train to discuss forestry topics. Eastern Kentucky is well adapted to the production of fruits and vegetables. It needs to grow more of these products, both for home consumption and for commercial purposes. The poultry raising industry would be as profitable in the mountains as elsewhere. Eastern Kentucky is not now growing a sufficient quantity of foodstuffs to meet the home demand. It other words it is not producing enough to feed its own population and every county is paying out thousands of dollars every year for supplies which, with proper effort, could be produced at home.

It is for the encouragement of home production that the special train is being sent out. If the people can be interested in increasing their efforts along this line new sources of revenue will be available and there will be no necessity of sending so much money away from the State. Agriculture has lagged in many of the Eastern Kentucky counties because of industrial development. But the opening of mines and mills constitutes one of the very best reasons why agriculture should go forward, for new industries bring new population and also create a market for the products of farm, garden and orchard.

Truck farming and fruit growing should receive great impetus from the mineral development that is going on in the mountains. The men who work in mines are not producers of agricultural commodities. On the contrary they are consumers and they are good patrons of the farmer when he produces to offer them.—Courier-Journal.

CITY COUNCIL.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday evening. The salaries of the various city officers were paid and \$50 was paid to the waterworks company. The meeting adjourned on Thursday, July 9th, to receive the report of the engineer concerning the grade of the proposed new sidewalks.

C. & O. BRAKEMAN LOSES A LEG.

S. F. Hanlon is Caught by a Moving Train While Coupling Air Hose.

On last Friday afternoon, while coupling air on Tunnel Siding, three miles east of Louisa, brakeman S. F. Hanlon sustained an accident which will make him a cripple for life.

The engineer of the train, the local freight, was not aware of Hanlon's presence and backed down to pick up the cars on the siding. The brakeman was knocked down, and his left leg, falling on the rail, was so badly crushed that amputation was required. As soon as possible the unfortunate young man was picked up and taken to Torchlight, where Dr. F. D. Marcum rendered first aid and made him as comfortable as possible. From Torchlight Hanlon was taken to the hospital at Louisa, where Dr. York, assisted by Drs. Bromley and Wroten, amputated the leg just above the knee. Dr. George Conley, of Williamson, was also present and rendered aid. The bones of the leg, including the knee, were completely crushed, and the man was much weakened by loss of blood. At this time he is doing very well.

Hanlon, whose home is in Ashland, is 30 years of age, is married and has one child. Mrs. Hanlon was informed of the accident shortly after it occurred and came up on the evening train. She was greatly distressed by the sad accident to her husband. Mr. Hanlon is a sober, intelligent man, very popular with his fellow employees. His former home was in Olive Hill.

BIG FIRE AT JENKINS.

Jenkins, Ky., July 2.—The large clothing store of Cohen & Stryk Bros. and the grocery store of Millard Burk, of this place, were burned to the ground Wednesday at 3:30 p. m., destroying both stores with a loss of about \$25,000. The origin of the fire was due to lightning striking the telephone wires which caught at the ceiling where the wires connect to the telephone, and the flames spread so rapidly that nothing could possibly be done to save the building. The creek was very low at the time of the fire and no water could be gotten. The store of Cohen & Stryk Bros. contained about \$15,000 worth of merchandise. Insurance only \$3,500. The store of Millard Burk contained about \$5,000 stock with no insurance. Something like \$1,000 worth of merchandise was taken out of Cohen & Stryk Bros. store and thrown across the creek, but a hard rain fell afterward and practically ruined all of the goods taken out.

Had the telephone a safety device the building would probably not taken fire.

FORMER LOUISIAN HONORED.

Evansville, Ind., July 2.—H. C. Corns, of the Ohio River Contract Company, the contractors for the Boone dam, yesterday received notice that he had been elected to the American Society of Civil Engineers, the highest honor that a practicing engineer reaches. The entire membership is 8,505 engineers over the entire civilized world. Mr. Corns is the only member of this city.

To become a member of this organization an engineer must have ten years' work either as a professor of the branch in a college or as a practical engineer. The membership includes civil, military, electric, mechanical, naval, mining and hydraulic engineers and all allied branches and the membership is kept rather small by the restrictions of qualification.

Mr. Corns had to submit his record for the past ten years and recommendations from five corporate members of the society before his application was even considered and the award was made principally on his excellent showing in the last government work.

THE INSTITUTE.

The Lawrence County Teachers' Institute will be held in this city at the court house beginning Monday, July 13. It will be conducted by Mr. J. A. Sharon, of Newport, Ky. Mr. Sharon is a noted educator and institute man, and a profitable and interesting session may be expected. Thursday will be known as Trustee's Day, when matters of vital importance to these officials will be discussed. There will be other special features presented. The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of the various sessions of the Institute.

BIG SANDIANS PAROLED.

George Burchett, James B. Sykes and L. H. Salyers, of Pike county, who are serving sentences in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta on charges of obstructing the processes of justice by preventing witnesses from testifying, will be paroled August 15th. The Kentuckians were convicted two years ago following the trial of an alleged moonshiner at Big Stone Gap, Va. Each was sentenced to a five-year term.

THIN TROUSERS.

Jim Allen, of the Cynthiahna Democrat, would like to know if the society editor of the Danville Messenger wrote this paragraph:

"During a mark-down sale the other day we purchased a pair of those new-style trousers (98c, were \$1.25) and find them very comfortable, but when walking down street really feel that we should have on another skirt."

IN APPRECIATION OF REV. O. F. WILLIAMS.

The following paper was unanimously adopted by the Ashland District Conference of the M. E. Church South, in session at Pikeville:

In as much as our presiding elder, Rev. O. F. Williams, is now concluding his fourth year of service in this official capacity, and according to the law of our church can not remain longer in this relationship, we desire to record our sincere and high appreciation of him as a consecrated, capable leader, and of efficient services he has rendered.

We gratefully recognize that he has been a large factor in the accomplishment of the splendid advances which our church has made under his administration.

We have enjoyed his kindly, brotherly spirit, his deep interest in all matters pertaining to the success of our Zion, his faithful pulpit ministrations, and his alertness in seeking out and using the opportunities for forward movement in building the Kingdom of Christ.

Be it therefore resolved that we express to brother Williams our love for him personally, and our appreciation of his successful work, and we pray the blessing of God ever to abide upon him and his dear family.

F. S. POLLITT,
H. A. SPENCER,
I. N. FANNIN.

LOUISA HIGH SCHOOL.

The commencement exercises will begin on Sunday evening, July 12th, at the Baptist Church, with the Baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. O. H. Hamilton. The graduating exercises will be held Thursday evening, July 16, with the following programme:

Invocation and Scripture, Rev. L. M. Copley.

Music.

Address, Rev. C. B. Plummer.

Presentation of Diplomas, Rev. B. M. Keith.

Music.

Benediction, Rev. A. M. Dial.

The graduating class is composed of Frederick K. Cain, Kit Carson Elswick, Clydesdale Victoria Garred, Lucretia Clifford Wilson and Charles Herford Withers.

WAYNE CIRCUIT COURT JURORS.

The following are the Butler district jurors for the August term of the Wayne Circuit Court:

Grand Jurors—A. W. Plymale, W. K. Ferguson and B. B. Cyrus.

Petit Jurors—E. K. Belcher, Zack Riggs, W. R. Spears, George Workman, R. C. Lambert, Bud Meredith and W. H. Billups.

LAWRENCE COUNTY S. S. CONVENTION.

Program of Annual Session to be Held at Louisa July 15-16.

The Lawrence County Sunday School Convention will meet in annual session at Louisa next Wednesday and Thursday, at the M. E. Church. It is hoped the attendance will be large. All delegates who come will be entertained free. Following is the program:

Wednesday Morning Session.

10:00—Devotional services conducted by M. S. Burns, County President.

10:30—Annual address by County President.

11:00—Roll call and reports of District Officers. Appointment of committees.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

1:30—Value of Daily Bible Study, E. M. Kennison.

2:00—Why Is An Organized Class Better Than One Not Organized?, Rev. B. M. Keith.

2:30—The Necessary Equipment for an Organized Class, Rev. C. B. Plummer.

3:00—Methods for Maintaining Attendance in Adult Classes, Rev. O. H. Hamilton.

3:30—The Pastor's Relation to the Sunday School, Rev. H. E. Trent.

4:00—Round Table, W. J. Vaughan.

Wednesday Evening Session.

7:30—Song service as prepared by the Music Committee.

8:00—Devotional service, Rev. A. M. Dial.

8:15—Offering for State Work.

8:15—"Story of Livingstone," Miss Maud L. Dance, Louisville, Ky.

Thursday Morning Session.

8:30—"The Bible and National Character," W. J. Vaughan.

9:00—"The Teacher," Miss Dance.

9:30—"The Best Thing in My Sunday School." One minute talks by Superintendents and Delegates.

10:00—An address, Rev. D. W. Stone, Grayson, Ky.

10:30—Report of the County Secretary. Report of Committees.

10:45—"Palace Made by Music," A story by Miss Dance.

11:00—"Sunday School Evangelism," Rev. Frederick F. Shannon, New York.

Thursday Afternoon Session.

1:30—Song service under the instruction of the Music Committee.

1:45—"Sunday School and Missions," Rev. A. M. Dial.

2:10—"The Sunday School as a Temperance Force," Hon. R. C. McClure.

2:30—Elementary Conference, Miss Dance.

BOOSTING THE FAIR TO BE HELD NEXT FALL

Timely Article From One of Lawrence County's Progressive Citizens.

Lexington, Ky., July 6.—I am much pleased and elated to note through the columns of the NEWS that a bunch of Lawrence county's good citizens have organized themselves together for the purpose of having another county fair, to be held some time this coming autumn, for which please allow me to express my sincere gratitude to the promoters of an organization which I consider paramount to every other cause for the advancement of our live stock and agricultural interests, as well as the indirect cause for the advancement of educational and many other interests pertaining to the building up of and making a good country. I hope to see the people grow more enthusiastic in a good cause of this kind, and spare no pains in the preparation of live stock and other farm products for this exhibit, and something suitable to attract the attention of a vast crowd of people, as I feel that we will have the largest crowd that ever assembled on one occasion in the humble little city of Louisa.

There does not seem to me to be any good reason why we should not have a big fair, as the organization has begun at least two months earlier than last year; besides I see a goodly number of people who were not interested at all last year that are now doing all they can to get the organization perfected and to get the people interested in a good cause.

I regret very much that I am unable to take part in the organization and building up of this great cause, but owing to being engaged in other work I cannot be of much service, although I will try and attend the fair and have some live stock there for exhibition, and hope to be met with strong competition for the prizes that are to be given out.

I would suggest the association set a part at least one day for educational contests and offer good prizes to the school or schools making the best showing along educational lines. I would also suggest that the fair be well advertised up and down, and on both sides of the Big Sandy and allow people from other counties and states to compete for prizes the same as our own people; also an invitation to our near-by towns should be given in order that we may have a good crowd.

We who expect to exhibit live stock should at once go to preparing same for this occasion by keeping it up and feeding good dry feed of days and turning out of nights, or keep up all the time is better. If we cannot afford to avail ourselves of a little trouble and expense how may we expect to get good results?

I find that it never pays to keep live stock in a shoddy condition, especially when you desire to sell or trade same. So let as many of us as possibly can do so have our live stock smoothed up till it will be worthy of other people's attention and maybe we can convert same into cash and accommodate the other fellow by letting him winter it.

Louisa is a splendid place to sell good stuff and doubtless you will profit in this way, if in no other, by fixing up your stuff in good shape. So bring in something with you. If you are not able to bring a horse, mule, colt, cow, ox or calf, why bring in a good pig or lamb and you will be just as well respected as the fellow who has a road full of stuff. There is one thing certain, the fellow who does not bring anything to the fair is most assuredly not to win any prizes or to advertise his stock.

In conclusion, I desire to reiterate my last year's statement that I would give to the person or persons spelling correctly 100 words \$10.00, save that I will extend the time from 20 to 30 minutes, contest to be written. Young people who have an ambition to climb higher should post themselves for this contest and take a shot at this prize. It's a chance of all to gain and nothing to lose. The words and their definitions will be publicly announced and each and every one competing will have an equal chance at winning this prize and should more than one person be successful in this contest why the \$10.00 will be divided prorata between the successful contestants.

Wishing the fair great success and extending best wishes to the promoters of same, I subscribe myself always an advocate of county and state fairs.

C. C. FLANERY.

MR. SHANNON AT M. E. CHURCH.

On last Sunday morning the Rev. Mr. Shannon preached to a congregation which completely filled the M. E. Church. Of it much might be said, but it would simply be a construction of the merited praise which all those of the merited sermons of his evokes. He spoke of Paul, who deemed himself rich because all teachers, and life and death were his, for he was Christ's and Christ was God's. The like of the sermon is seldom heard.

The service was a catholic one, in that the pastor, Mr. Plummer, conducted it and others participated in it. The Rev. Mr. Keith, of the M. E. Church South, offered prayer and the Rev. E. M. Kennison, of the Congregational Church, closed the service with a prayer-benediction. Before the sermon Miss Marian Shannon, of Columbus, O., sang very pleasingly "The Perfect Day."

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Folks, please remember that July 15th and 16th is the date of our County Sunday School Convention, and we want many in attendance. Come and bring others with you to help make this convention the best we have ever had in our county. You will not regret that you came for you will be so interested you will feel sorry for those who stayed away and missed this great treat. Notice the program and see who have been assigned topics for discussion and you will at once realize the good that is to be gotten out of the convention.

Please remember, too, that we are to have one of our best Sunday School workers present, that we want a good report, so as to let them know we people in Lawrence appreciate their efforts to help us and we are busy trying to make their efforts through us have the desired effect, thereby doing much good for our Lord. How can we have this good report unless you report promptly to the County Secretary who is to give the report at the convention. We can't do our part unless you who have charge of the schools do your part, that is your very best, in this work, but sometimes we neglect the matter just a bit and the County Secretary fails to get the reports and offerings from your school. Please don't let this neglectful person be you, but see to it at once that your report and offering is sent at once, anyway by July 15th to the County Secretary so we may have the report ready. You responded right nobly last year but let each year be better.

Then, too, you don't want to neglect sending delegates to the convention, if you have not already elected them and sent their names to Mr. C. B. Ross, Louisa, Ky., please do next Sunday and send their names to him the 7th day that homes may be provided for them during the convention. We should like especially to have every minister of the Gospel in the county present at this convention. Won't you come? It will do you good; it will do your church and Sunday School good and thereby do the world good. It is your business in the world to work for good, then let the people in your county know you are doing your very best by attending this Sunday School convention. Superintendents and secretaries, we want you there; you need to be there, and the convention needs you there. Then, why not come? You will regret it if you don't come, but your regrets will not do you nor your Sunday School any good; your attendance at this convention will do you both good.

We hope you all will think about this matter as you should and send reports and offerings, also attend the convention. EMMA THOMPSON, County Secretary.

A NOTABLE QUINTET.

Five Louisa "boys" who have become prominent in various activities were in their old home town to celebrate the natal day of their country. Taking them as their names occur to the NEWS and not because of individual excellence, there was John Stewart, of Ashland, known as one of the foremost lawyers in Kentucky; "Ben" McClure, one of the best known surgical specialists in the State; "Fred" Shannon, a preacher who is famous in New York and Brooklyn; George McClure, who has a national reputation as a teacher of the deaf and dumb; and Taylor Vinson, who has become famous as a lawyer, one who is sought after as an attorney whose ability as a pleader is known in his adopted State and out of it. These five "boys" grew to manhood in Louisa, where they were held in high esteem and where their presence is always welcome.

RUMOR OF BIG COAL MERGER.

Baltimore, Md., July 1.—A merger of coal properties in Eastern Kentucky is contemplated, according to reports current in the financial district today, and if a plan can be worked out D. A. Thomas, the "English Coal King," and associates will lend the project their support. The Elkhorn Fuel Company, which is controlled by Baltimore and West Virginia capitalists, will be one of the companies in the combination. Mr. Thomas made a careful investigation of the coal properties in Eastern Kentucky about a year ago and was very favorably impressed with their possibilities, particularly the Elkhorn Fuel Company's holdings.

The English coal operator is a close friend of former United States Senator Clarence W. Watson, of West Virginia, president of the Elkhorn company and chairman of the board of directors of the Consolidation Coal Company.

Mr. Thomas returned to England about six weeks ago. Mr. Watson also is abroad. The Elkhorn Fuel Company owns and controls more than 300,000 acres of coal land in Kentucky. It leases the land on royalty and now has under lease 20,000 acres to the Elkhorn Mining Corporation.

MERCHANTS CLOSE EARLIER.

We, the undersigned merchants of Louisa, Ky., hereby agree to close our stores on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 p. m., and on Saturdays at 10:00 p. m., beginning July 13th, and continuing to October 15, 1914:

W. D. Pierce Willie Carter
P. H. Vaughan A. L. Burton
C. F. See & Co. Sam Bromley
W. L. Ferguson J. B. Critcher
Snyder Howe Co. E. S. Peters
Mrs. W. M. Price H. S. Young
Mrs. C. E. Price J. Israelky
R. Blanton D. C. Spencer
Wm. Jones M. F. Conley

Mrs. Carl Reynolds and bright little daughter, Thelma, of Richmond, Va., are visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yates.